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SUBJECT: REPROGRAMMING POSITIONS IN NEA AREA

REF: STATE 18313

- 1. I CAN GIVE YOU A MIXED RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST THAT WE LOOK AT FURTHER STAFF REDUCTIONS HERE.
- 2. FIRST, YOUR COMMENT IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS INCLINED TO AGREE WITH THE INSPECTORS' RECOMMENDATION THAT ONE OF THIS EMBASSY'S TWO POLITICAL OFFICER POSITIONS BE ELIMINATED AND THAT THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTIONS BE COMBINED SUGGESTED THAT OUR COMPLIANCE REPORT (DACCA A-002 OF JANUARY 17) HAD NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED. THAT REPORT HAS UNDOUBLEDLY ARRIVE BY NOW AND YOU WILL HAVEOUR REASONS FOR OPPOSING THESE TWO PROPOSALS, REASONS WHICH STILL SEEM VALID TO ME. WE CAN OF COURSE GO INTO THIS AT MORE LENGTH DURING MY CONSULTATION LATER THIS MONTH.
- 3. WITH RESPECT TO LOCAL POSITIONS, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ABOLISH ONE FSL POSITION PAYROLL SECTION BY MARCH 15. IN ADDITION, ONCE DISBURSING IS TAKEN OVER BY FADPC IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO REDUCE TWO FSL POSITIONS AND, WITH TRANSFER OF ALLOTMENT ACCOUNTING, ANOTHER FLS POSITION COULD BE ABOLISHED. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTED THIS POST ACTUALLY HAS NEED FOR MANY ADDITIONAL

FSL POSITIONS WITHIN JAS OPERATIONS AND THEREFORE ANY REDUCTION IN ONE CATEGORY CAN BE READILY ABSORBED IN ANOTHER. SALES OF AID SURPLUS PROPERTY/VEHICLES HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED BUT WITHOUT EFFECT ON CURRENT LOCAL STAFFING AS EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN LONG OUT OF CIRCULATION.

 $4.\ I$ LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING ALL THIS WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON. BOSTER

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